GUIDE TO THE AF13 NORTHWEST CHINA FILE

[The AF13 Northwest China file contains data on the regional culture of the northwestern Chinese provinces of Shensi, Kansu and Chinghai. The materials presented contain great historical depth; however, the major emphasis is the modern period, ca. 1920 to 1950. There are three sources in the file, all of them in English. The basic source is 1: Washington. This is a general survey of the region prepared by the Far Eastern and Russian Institute of the University of Washington and gives a good coverage of the major social, economic and political aspects of the region. 2: Teichman, by a British consular officer, is an account of travels in Shensi and Kansu in 1919, and contains a good deal of information on travel routes and geography. 3: Cable and French, by two missionaries, is an account of a trip through Shansi, Kansu and Shensi, and also contains a good deal of information on travel and geography, with some brief sketches of the various ethnic groups encountered. The file as a whole is probably adequate for general cross-cultural purposes, but except perhaps for historical materials does not really contain enough information for detailed analyses. However, it does present a good survey of the region. The file was processed between 1956 and 1974.]